

Adult Education Advisory Committee

December 8, 2004

Utah State Office of Education

Room 241

10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Approved Minutes

PRESENT: Members: James Andersen (chair), Kim Dohrer (past chair), Paula Oakey (chair elect), Suzette Hudson, Cindy Krueger, Edie Mitko, Wayne Mifflin, Norman Nakamura, Herb Clark, Hector Mendiola, Dave Steele, Jeff Galli, Edwin Espinel, David Frost (guest), and Gail Burningham (secretary).

EXCUSED: Sandra Grant, Shauna South, Don Uchida, Mary Ann Parkinson,

Welcome and Introductions

The Adult Education Advisory meeting was held December 8, 2004 at the Utah State Office of Education in room 241. James Andersen welcomed everyone. Everyone introduced him/herself and stated the group they represent.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes from the November 10, 2004 meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve November's minutes, after two typing errors were corrected, was made by Kim Dohrer. Edie Mitko seconded the motion and the minutes with corrections were approved.

Utah Cares Web Site Information

Suzette Hudson presented the Utah Cares Web Site. The web address is www.utahcares.utah.gov. This web site is also available in Spanish. Searches can be made by need, by group and by provider. There is also information on volunteers. For those searching by needs a list of needs plus questions is given. The web site then lists agencies and contact persons to match needs. Service providers have a form for them to fill out their organization's information on-line. Shauna would like providers to fill out the form. Please be very specific about the list of services provided, names, addresses, phone numbers, contacts, areas served, eligibility and access. The better the information the more effective will be the web site. John Swenson's staff would be the contact agency for updating information. Under the "contact us" section information and referrals by service area are provided.

Don Carpenter's retirement

James Andersen commented on Don Carpenter's retirement from the Board of Regents and mentioned that this will probably be his last meeting with this committee. He thanked Don for all the work he has done on the committee. He mentioned that Don has had accomplishments in Charter Schools, education reform and he has had tremendous impact on education in Utah. One of the things Don has accomplished is to transition the technical colleges into Community Colleges, which has really made services available to significantly more students along the Wasatch front.

Annual Spring Director's meeting

Dave discussed the annual Directors and Coordinators meeting which formally has been the end of March in Cedar City or St. George, but is being changed to March 14-16 and will be held in Moab this year. He plans to have a presentation by the Ute tribe. Don Carpenter talked about a North America Indian presentation given by Clayton Long and said how wonderful it was. The Advisory Committee was invited to the meeting. A letter being sent to directors and coordinators regarding the date, place, and the general topics for the directors meeting were on Dave's handouts.

UBSCT Graduation Requirement

Dave also talked about the high school 2006 UBSCT graduation requirement. It would impact special populations; these are as he pointed out corrections, special education, adult education students going into the military, and adult education students needing a high school diploma for employment. The practical application of the UBSCT test is problematic for adults. There is a proposal to have an adult student pass the UBSCT or a State Board approved assessment in order to receive an adult high school diploma. There is a senate and house sponsor and a bill file open with respect to this issue. Kim talked about the impact of not having an option that is less restrictive for our adult students. Herb suggested that we might want to put a slide on assessment in our PowerPoint presentation. There was a lengthy discussion and it was decided that since this was a different issue, a different slide presentation on assessment should be prepared. Kim will draft a letter to individuals who would support including a state board approved assessment. It was also suggested that the Adult Education Advisory Committee take a position and send it to the State Superintendent and the State Board of Education.

Panel Discussion and PowerPoint Presentation

Dave showed the PowerPoint presentation and there was one suggested change on the revised presentation. The adult education population decreased from 34,000 to 31,000. Dave then introduced our guests, Ben Leishman (Legislative Annalist Office), Mark Ward (Health & Human Resources) and Phil Jeffery (Governors Budget Office).

Mark Ward from the Health and Human Resources Office talked about the 560 million dollar budget (half state and half federal money) that he deals with and about the number of employees. He said about how 30% of that budget is Medicaid. Some of the applications are for the Dept of Health and Human Service, Child and Family Services, Aging and Adults Recovery Services, Youth Corrections, Criminal Justice, Adoption and Substance Abuse. The demographics that will most impact his office in the coming years are the increasing number of youth and the increasing number of individuals 65 years plus in the state. Mark talked about the huge impact of substance abuse on the budget and he also mentioned the transition to adult living program and said you can locate this information at www.dhs.utah.gov

Phil Jeffery from the Governors Budget Office spoke about the 27 offices in the Governors office with which he works. He mentioned that there was \$200,000,000 in new requests. Often times they do not look at the base, which is last years allocation, but they really focus on new requests. They look at revenue forecasts and then agency priorities. Under these agency priorities, first they must fund the mandated programs and then they look at what priorities are left.

Ben Leishman from Legislative Office said his office was non-partisan. He works for nine sub-

committees. He prepares the information. They look at agency requests, the governor's recommendations and the priorities of the state. The base budget then goes to the executive committee, which is the committee really making the decisions. He mentioned that there still exists the attitude that adult education is a second chance program.

Following the presentations there was a group discussion with questions for our invited guests. The general direction of this discussion was that a re-education of existing legislators on adult education services and needs should take place. There is a need to focus on a restoration of the 2.6 million dollars in adult education funds so that it is not a one-year allocation. The committee should focus on public education and the executive appropriations committee.

Lunch

The members of the advisory committee thanked Dave Steele for inviting our guests to our meeting. It was very informative and we learned more about the budget and legislative process.

Other Business

The Governors conference on Literacy held November 16, 2004 was a great success.

Hector informed the committee of successes within our communities some of which are: Centro de la Familia has a MOU to implement Plazas Comunitarias in three centers. Latin American Institute of Communicative Education has an agreement with Utah State University to utilize México EDUSAT satellite education resources in ePlazas Comunitarias (internet) in Utah and also around USA. The Mexican Consulate in Salt Lake City in partnership with USU Extension will offer Computer Assisted Literacy For Non English Speakers (CALFNES) to Mexican communities in Utah, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming. Logan High School in the Technology Multicultural Center is supporting ESL programs, bilingual education, Spanish teaching for LHS students and adult education together with USU Extension in Cache County.

Agenda Items for January Meeting

- Sub-Committees will meet and develop their strategies for the next three months.
- The Committee hopes to invite and meet with another group of directors appointed by incoming Governor Huntsman.

Adjourn

Jim Andersen called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Paula Oakey moved to adjourn the meeting and Kim Dohrer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed. The next meeting will be held January 12, 2004 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in room 241.